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FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB OF VICTORIA.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Club was held at the Royal Society's Hall on Monday evening, 9th October, 1899. The president, Mr. J. Shephard, occupied the chair, and about 100 members and visitors were present.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From the Department of Trade and Customs, stating that after due consideration it had been decided to adhere to the close season for Quail as at present gazetted.

REPORTS.

Messrs. J. Shephard and J. G. Luehmann reported that owing to unfavourable weather little was done at the excursion to Sandringham on Saturday, 23rd September, though before the rain set in a number of specimens of the curious little plant, *Polypompholyx tenella*, were obtained.

A short report of the excursion to Braybrook was read by the leader, Mr. F. G. A. Barnard, who said that, while knowing the district was not an encouraging one for field work, an interesting afternoon had been spent. Among the plants noticed was a very robust form of *Correa speciosa*, and a well-marked variety of *Goodenia pinnatifida*. The only orchid noticed was *Diuris pedunculata*. The ferns *Asplenium flabellifolium* and *Cheilanthes tenuifolia* were found growing in the crevices of the basalt. Some specimens of freshwater algæ were obtained in the Kororoit Creek, which had not yet been identified.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

On a ballot being taken, Messrs. W. F. Wyatt, O. Grundt, C. Ludwig, J. R. Tovey, and E. H. Swan were duly elected members of the Club.

PAPERS READ.

1. By Prof. W. Baldwin Spencer, M.A., entitled "Remarks on a Rare Marsupial."

The author verbally drew attention to a specimen of the rare phalanger, *Gymnobelideus leadbeateri*, McCoy, which had recently been obtained in the Bass River district, where the original specimens, on which the species was founded by Prof. McCoy, were obtained some 30 years ago. The animal, which is figured in the "Zoology of Victoria," vol. i., plate 91, is remarkable for